

Board of Commissioners
October 7, 2008 – 8:45 am

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Minutes

08/19/2008 Public Hearing and 08/19/2008 minutes; Gogel pointed out a mistake on page three where EMS was written when it should have been EMA. Logsdon made a motion to approve with stated change. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

09/02/2008 minutes; Gogel made a motion to approve. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

09/16/2008 Executive Session and 09/16/2008 minutes; Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Property Maintenance Ordinance

Debbie Steinkamp presented the commissioners with the latest copy of the proposed Property Maintenance Ordinance and the associated forms. The commissioners will review and re-address at a later meeting.

EMS

Jane Stout announced to the commissioners that the Spencer County Ambulance Service was named EMT Intermediate Provider of the Year for the State of Indiana and Bob Gehlhausen was named Advanced EMT of the year. The awards were presented by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security – EMS Division. Stout thanked the commissioners for their support of the ambulance service and presented them with the plaque to hang in the commissioners' room. The commissioners congratulated EMS on the great work that they do.

District Planning Committee

Stout stated that due to a meeting conflict with other emergency groups in the county she will not be able to attend all of the District Planning Committee meetings for District 10. She has named Chris Anderson as a surrogate to attend the meetings.

Ride Solutions

Becky Guthrie of Ride Solutions spoke to the commissioners about public transportation. Ride Solutions works with existing organizations, such as the Council on Aging, to help provide public transportation at a low cost to anyone who needs it. Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Greene, Martin, Pike, Sullivan and Warrick Counties are already using the service. Guthrie stated that it would require an initial commitment from the county of \$5,000. Rininger stated that she would want to meet with the Council on Aging. Guthrie stated that Ride Solutions would partner with the Council on Aging and they would make money from the arrangement. Logsdon asked how soon the service could begin. Guthrie said the soonest would be 2010. Rininger stated that it would need to be brought before the council so it could be budgeted for 2010. Gogel stated that he would like to review the income and expense statements for Ride Solutions for the last year.

Perry County Commissioner Gary Doby and Perry County Councilman Bob Ramsbottom asked how frequently vehicles are replaced. Guthrie stated that some cars are traded out every year, but when Ride Solutions moves into a new community, they are allowed money for expansion vehicles.

The commissioners encouraged Guthrie to meet with the Council on Aging and the commissioners will re-address the issue again.

Meeting Dates

Rininger discussed moving the first meeting in December due to a conflict with the start of the Commissioners' Conference and setting a final meeting for the year at the end of December. Logsdon made a motion to set the first meeting in December on December 1st at 8:00 am and the final meeting of the year on December 29th at 8:45 am. The second meeting of the month will remain on December 16th. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Bid Opening – Bridge 320 on CR 500N

Engineer Lloyd gave the engineer estimate for the construction of Bridge 320 as \$152,684.20. Lueken opened and read the bids as follows:

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D-Lite Excavating	\$125,175.80
Youngblood Farms	\$106,642.00
Craftsman Construction	\$137,400.00

After Lloyd verified the numbers on the bids, Rininger asked for any public comment. No response. Logsdon made a motion to award the bid to Youngblood Farms. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

CR 500N will be closed starting October 14th for approximately 5 to 6 weeks.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Dugas reported to the commissioners that due to the national financial crisis, she contacted the banks in the county to check on the security of the county's money. She said that the first \$100,000 is insured by the FDIC and the balance is insured by the PDIF (Public Deposit Insurance Fund). Dugas has spread the money out between all of the banks in the county and she is confident that it is safe.

Fire Protection

Rininger stated that October 5th through 11th is Fire Prevention Week and the focus this year is the prevention of home fires. The commissioners expressed their appreciation to all of the firefighters and first responders in the county.

Boner Bridge

Rininger stated that he received a letter from Historic Newburgh and they would like to put up historical markers at Boner Bridge, one on the Warrick County side and one on the Spencer County side. Historic Newburgh will be paying the expense. Logsdon made a motion to approve the historical marker. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Highway Report

CR 300 – Painter and Lloyd explained that at the last meeting the cul de sac that was created by the movement of CR 300 previously was named CR 295. They said it should have been CR 305.

CR 305 – Painter stated that the new cul de sac CR 305 has been damaged by the contractors working on the new SR 231. In addition the state only paved part of the road and left approximately 500 feet chip and seal which was damaged by the equipment. Logsdon asked Painter and Lloyd to speak to Calvin Evans with INDOT about finishing the road.

Union Contract – Painter stated that the union contract will be re-negotiated in December

Work Day – Painter said the highway will be staying on 10 hours per day for 4 days a week until November if the weather stays good.

SR 70 – The state will be closing SR 70 to replace a culvert. The county roads will see increased traffic. Painter and Lloyd will look at the plans and report back to the commissioners.

Fuel Accountability – At the request of the council, Painter checked into the cost of a key system which would track the use of the fuel. The sheriff expressed concern about not being able to accurately track the amount of fuel the deputies are using. Painter reported that a key system would cost approximately \$3,000 plus \$600 to install; a card swipe system would cost approximately \$6,500. Gogel suggested that Painter get quotes together and give them to the Sheriff and if it is important to him, then he can go before the council and ask for the money. Painter stated that the highway does not have a problem because they keep a log, but the Sheriff shares a pump with Community Corrections and EMA. Gogel stated that EMA could move to the other pump and just Community Corrections and the Sheriff would be on the other. Logsdon said EMA Director Perdue could keep a special log for the weekends so the highway can track his usage when they are not there. Painter will speak to the Sheriff's Department, Community Corrections and EMA.

Resignation – Painter stated that Assistant Superintendent Bill Wirthwein resigned. Painter is unsure about when or how to replace him.

Engineer Report

Subdivision Ordinance – Lloyd stated that she still has questions about the proposed Subdivision Ordinance Amendment. Logsdon made a motion to have Lloyd work with some developers and come back to the board with recommendations. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Polling Locations

Clerk Jochim presented the list of polling locations for the upcoming election. There were no changes made since the last election. Discussion was had on the requirement for a photo ID. Logsdon made a motion to approve the recommendations. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Jochim stated that each polling location will have paper ballots available in case there is a problem with the machines and batteries are available in case of a power outage.

Universal Design

Shelton explained that another bill was received from Universal Design on the proposed public safety grant and an additional will need to be requested. Gogel asked how bills kept being generated when it has not even been approved to build the building. Logsdon made a motion to request an additional in the amount of \$3,565 to pay for the work already done by Universal. Gogel seconded. All in favor. Logsdon asked Gogel to speak to Universal Design about holding off on any other work until the building is approved.

WTH – Hosting Fee

Shelton stated that WTH has sent a bill for \$1,200 for the hosting of the GIS system which was given to the state for use in a disaster. Logsdon made a motion to request an additional for the \$1,200. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

ATV on County Roads

Lueken stated that he discussed the use of ATVs on county roads with the county insurance agency and they strongly encouraged the county to obtain a waiver and a release of liability from anyone using an ATV on county roads. Rininger asked Jeff Vaal where the DNR permits are obtained. Vaal said they come directly from DNR. Logsdon asked Lueken why the county should expect a law suit from an ATV accident on a county road when the driver of a car cannot sue the county when they have a wreck. Lueken stated that the roads are designed for use by automobiles and automobiles are designed to protect the driver. Lueken further stated that the law says the county cannot require additional equipment and cannot impose a fee. Discussion was had on asking a state legislator to sponsor legislation to protect counties from lawsuits.

Lueken stated that he has received a copy of the Orange County ordinance on the use of ATVs and he is expecting another one from Crawford County.

Logsdon stated that he is concerned about roads being torn up by the ATVs and about large farm trucks being able to stop when they suddenly come upon an ATV.

Lueken stated that he will have a draft of an ordinance to look at by the first meeting in November.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 am.

Board of Commissioners,

President

Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor